

MiCSES FACT SHEET

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- Approximately \$30 million in support is disbursed each week.
- 93%¹ of support collected by the state's disbursement unit is released the next day. (The federal requirement for releasing properly identified payments is two days.)²
- Michigan has the second largest caseload in the country—almost one million as counted by the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement.
- Michigan ranks fourth in the nation in collections distributed per worker.
- Michigan ranks third in the nation in collections distributed—over \$1.4 billion out of \$20 billion distributed nationally.
- Michigan has a federally certified child support system. The Michigan Child Support Enforcement System (MiCSES) does exactly what it required to do by federal law.
- Total cost of MiCSES development and implementation, FY '84 – FY'03 (over 66% federally funded³): **\$456 million**
- Federal system penalties assessed and avoided:
 - A total of **\$68.6 million** in penalties has been assessed by the federal government, FY '98-FY '01. An additional **\$112.6 million** in penalties for FY '02 and '03 were held in abeyance, pending final certification.
 - Upon certification, Michigan avoided 90% of 2001 penalties and 100% of 2002 and 2003 penalties, representing a total cost avoidance of **\$147.5 million** (*Exhibit 1*).

Fiscal Year	Penalty Avoided (millions)
2001	\$34.8 (90% refund of FY '01 penalty)
2002	\$55.2
2003	\$57.5
Total Avoided Upon Certification	\$147.5

Exhibit 1

¹ MiSDU statistics compiled during the first quarter of FY04, with all 83 counties on the statewide system.

² Some funds are held as required by federal and state legislation, and other amounts require research to identify the proper recipient.

³ The federal government reimbursed the state at a 90% rate for all development and implementation costs related to FSA88 requirements, from project inception through FY1995. The federal government reimbursed the state at a 80% rate for development and implementation cost related to PRWORA (with a cap of \$23M of combined state/federal expenditures). All other development, implementation and operational costs have been, and continue to be, reimbursed at a 66% rate.